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Senate Bill No. 317 An Act Concerning Dyslexia

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Hi my name is Addisyn. I am 9 years old. I am from Lebanon, CT. I am dyslexic and dysgraphic. I learn differently.

I am in favor of Senate Bill No. 317 with some changes like teachers need to have more evidence based learning while they are in college. Every person going to school to be a teacher should have to know how to teach student like me.

I've known my whole life I've learned differently. School is hard because letters words and sounds don't make sense to me. Being at school makes me feel stressed because of this. I love listening to books on tape but it's hard to read. The things that were good about the (school's program) were for reading and writing. I have a one on one tutor that's specially trained. I love Mrs. Colewick because she is nice and understands me. It felt like the teachers at my school did not know about Dyslexia. I wish my teachers knew I was smart but different. I learn best by hearing, saying, feeling, and doing things over and over again. Mrs. Colewick teaches me tricks to remember things. School does not teach me the right way. School makes me feel stressed and foolish ("foolish"). It made me sad that I was taken out of my favorite class to be helped with my learning disability. The program the school had for me wasn't helping me learn. So now I am homeschooled. Homeschooling has been better for me because I still see Miss Colewick. I can focus on what I need to learn. Please help teachers learn about kids like me.

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